

Merriam PTO N2K (Need to Know)

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This newsletter is brought to you by the Communications Team and is meant to give you the latest and greatest news and information from around the organization.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 1/15 Tuesday – School Committee Meeting 6:00 pm -7:30 pm
- 1/16 Thursday – ACTONPIP, Math Game Night 5 pm – 8 pm
- 1/20 Monday – No School (Martin Luther King Day)
- 1/21 Tuesday – Kindergarten change-over
- 1/28 Tuesday - Camp Fair Prep (8 am -12:00 noon)
- 1/30 Thursday – 21st Annual Acton Summer Camp Fair
- 1/31 Friday – Theme Day

MERRIAM'S CAMP FAIR NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Just a few weeks left before the 20th Annual Summer Camp Fair...

It's Merriam's 2nd largest fundraiser for classroom assistants and we need your help to make it successful. Please consider **attending** the Camp Fair. High attendance keeps camps returning year after year. You'll find great summer camps for your kids. And free child care will be available for kids aged 4+. Please visit camp tables with balloons as these camps have donated to our auction!

Camp Fair 2014 ~ Help, Bake or Donate

The Camp Fair committee **desperately needs the help of parents** for the following areas:

- stuffing camp fair bags on Tuesday, Jan. 28th (8:00 am - 11:00 am) at Merriam

- setting up on Thursday, Jan. 30 (1pm - 4 pm)
- helping at the event in 30 min. or 1 hour slots (5 pm – 8 pm)
- baking desserts for our profitable bake sale at the fair
- donating anything from drinks and napkins to pizza and coffee

It's FAST and easier than ever to sign up! Go to <http://vols.pt/ihaBSm>.

Contact merriamcampfair@aol.com to connect with the team, share ideas or ask questions. Please help make this year's Camp Fair another successful event! Thank you!

SCHOOL COMMITTEE – SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH INFO

Interviews for the Superintendent search have begun, and will continue through this week. Once we have identified a slate of candidates to advance to the School Committee, each finalist will be invited to visit for a day, and participate in a series of meetings and forums with members of the community. We appreciate that this is a busy time of year for everyone and appreciate your involvement. Please be sure your calendar is marked for the School Committee meeting on **Saturday, January 25th (9 a.m. in the Junior High Library)** when the School Committee will hold their public interviews of the finalists. For more information, please take a look at the document attached below.

CAMP FAIR AUCTION – FEBRUARY 2-7

Support the Merriam PTO and get a jump start on your summer planning. Choose from 35 camp offerings (and more to come)!

Some favorites include: **Summer Fenn, Concord Academy, Camp Cody, Birch Hill, Star Camps, College Apprentice and Kutsher's Sports Academy.**

For a complete list of camps, go to -
<http://www.biddingforgood.com/merriamschool/campauction>

Online bidding is your chance to take advantage of great values for this summer's camps! First, visit the camps at the Camp Fair on January 3. Then, go online to bid on February 2!

In order to bid, you need an account on www.biddingforgood.com/merriam. You can use your account login ID and pass-word from last year's auction. If you do not have an account, click Auction Signup to create one.

All proceeds from this online auction go to the Merriam PTO to support our out-standing teaching assistants!

Questions? Contact: Tina Hamilton at tinahamilton_2000@yahoo.com.

ACTONPIP – FAMILY MATH NIGHT - JANUARY 16

Please join us for Family Math Game Night hosted by AB PIP STEM. KenKen, Sudoku, Dominoes, Set and more. Plus robotics and art projects!

Where: Boxborough Sargent Memorial Library (Route 111)
When: Thursday, January 16, 2014 Open House, **5 pm - 8 pm**
Who: Adults and kids of all ages

Free and Fun! (Fruit platters welcome but optional) Student volunteers are also needed to host game tables. Please visit actonpip.org or email [actonpip@gmail](mailto:actonpip@gmail.com) for more information or to sign up.

BOOK FAIR – FEBRUARY 7-14

During the student-led conferences in February, Merriam will host our annual Book Fair. The Book Fair takes place from Friday, February 7th through Friday, February 14th and will be open before and after school. This is a fun event for kids and an important fundraiser for our fabulous classroom assistants. Parents interested in volunteering during the book fair should contact Zuzka Blasi (beezok@hotmail.com).